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TO : C. RECTOR

FROM : []

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1. 23 AUGUST [] MADE AVAILABLE TO [] FOR INTERROGATION AND FILE ON BENSI. PERTINENT FACTS ARE:
 - A. BENSI EXPERT RUSSIAN LANGUAGE AND HISTORY. GRECO-ORTHODOX CHURCH OF BULGARIA.
 - B. WAS COMMIE SYNPATIZER (BUT NOT MEMBER) FOR SEVERAL YEARS. SPONSORED BY PIACENZA FEDERATION.
 - C. FOR SPIRITUAL AND IDEOLOGICAL REASONS APPROACHED CATHOLIC CHURCH BEGINNING 1961. THRU PARISH PRIEST MET MEMBERS OF RUSSICUM VACATIONING RUSSICUM SUMMER VILLA IN AREA.
 - D. RECENT TRIP MOSCOW WAS FINANCED AND PROBABLY SPONSORED BY RUSSICUM.
 - E. BENSI BELIEVES ARREST DUE X TO ATTEMPT UNCOVER TWO RUSSICUM PRIESTS AMONGST ITALIAN GROUP WHOM HE IDENTIFIED AS FATHERS EZIO CADOMA AND PIETRO MODESTO. BENSI CLAIMS HE DID NOT COMPROMISE PRIESTS' IDENTITIES ALTHO X QUERIED HIM ON THIS.

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F. BENSI ADMITS PROMISED COLLABORATE SOVS AND SIGNED DOCUMENT THERETO. FIRST MEETING SET FOR BULGARIA IF AND WHEN HE CAN ARRANGE GO THERE CONJUNCTION HIS STUDIES. BENSI AND C [REDACTED] BELIEVE COULD BE SOV PLOY BECAUSE SOVS EXPECT ITALIANS WOULD NOT GRANT BENSI VISA UNLESS UNDER THEIR CONTROL.

1. BENSI AGREED COLLABORATE WITH C [REDACTED]
2. POUCHING DETAILS.
3. REQUEST TRACES FATHERS CADONNA AND MODESTO. NO STATION TRACES.
4. REQUEST 201 FOR BENSI.
5. INDEX.

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C/S COMMENT: THIS MIGHT

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